

PROMISING NEW YEAR

Tide of Prosperity Is Confidently Expected.

HOLIDAY TRADE BEAT RECORD

Reports From Industrial Centers Most Encouraging.

Producers, Jobbers and Others in the Field of Business Activity Favorably Impressed.

New York, Dec. 31.—Special telegrams from correspondents of the International Mercantile agency regarding the state of trade throughout the United States and Canada are summarized as follows:

The usual seasonal check to activity is noted in most lines. Stock-taking and making needed repairs are quite general. Holiday trade, except at a few points, exceeded all records. Cold weather has stimulated demand for dry goods, clothing and coal. Pig iron has advanced, but petroleum is off. Speculation in cotton has put prices to a point which reacts unfavorably on the manufacturing industry. Improved feeling in iron and steel is a feature, the early recovery in each being rendered possible by the industries being controlled centrally.

Western railways are short of cars and engines. Westbound traffic exceeds that of a year ago more than the slight decline in westbound business. Large orders for cars are said to be ready to be placed early next year. The outlook would be for reduced cotton exports, and it could hardly boom wheat.

The trade panorama is quite encouraging. New England aside from cotton goods, sees a good business ahead. Wool is firm at Boston, and advances are expected, and the like is true of hides and leather. Shoe manufacturers are laying in stock.

Philadelphia notes depression in cotton goods making, but woollens tend upward. Iron and steel there and at Pittsburgh are firmer. Steel officials advise the International Mercantile agency that the outlook for an increased business after January 1st is good. Westinghouse people have large orders for the Philippines.

Chicago steel and iron men also tell of reviving demand. Jobbers have increased orders for clothing and shoes, building materials are more active, and the spring orders in staple lines are beginning to arrive. The outlook among Paul and Minneapolis wholesale merchants is for a sustained volume of business, with good crops, for abundant prosperity.

St. Louis reports an enormous quantity of grain to be moved and a scarcity of cars. Texas advices are that people are buying more freely than ever. At Baltimore buying from the interior is conservative, but the South is expected to purchase there in excess of preceding years.

In the Canadian dominion the volume of business is equal to last year. Improvement is looked for, but has not shown itself yet in iron and steel. Railroad traffic has been heavier than in 1902. Some manufactured goods have advanced sharply. There is a decline in the output of petroleum, and refiners complain of lack of supply and higher prices.

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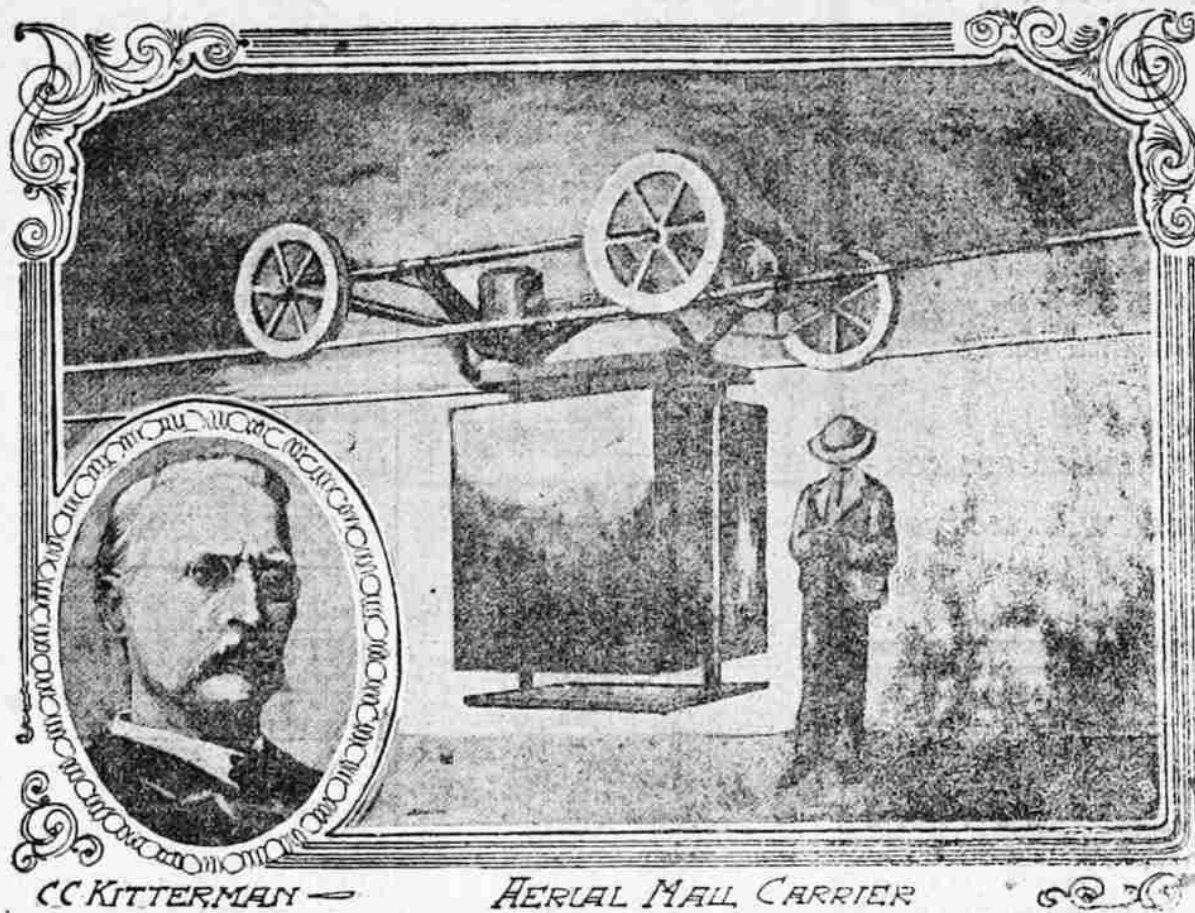
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For Rural Free Delivery Routes.



An aerial mail carrier, which will serve farmers along rural routes more regularly, cheaply and expeditiously than urban residents are served now, is the invention which was recently tested in St. Joseph, Mo., with success. C. C. Kitterman of Bolckow, Mo., is the inventor. The carriers can be operated at the rate of forty miles or so an hour. The inventor says a circuitous route of fifty miles in length will be covered with ease in two hours, leaving at each farm-house its consignments and picking up the mail to be sent out. A score of electricians and engineers gathered to see the test of the machine, and declared it the most practical invention in recent years. A dynamo, a small engine, the line and the carrier with a receptacle attached to and suspended from it are the component parts of the system.

FIGURES OF THE BANKS.

Corrected Statement Showing the Condition of the Local Banks at the Close of the Year.

In The Tribune's comparative table, published in its last Sunday's edition, showing the growth of the banking business in Salt Lake City during the past year, a few errors crept into the figures given, due to a misunderstanding of the compiler as to certain items which should be included in the totals given. Following is the table as corrected:

| BANKS. | Loans and Discounts | | Deposits | |
|--|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 1902 | 1903 | 1902 | 1903 |
| McCormick & Co. | \$ 3,093,780 | \$ 3,144,290 | \$ 4,501,284 | \$ 5,117,433 |
| Zion's Savings Bank and Trust company. | 2,079,562 | 2,378,697 | 3,392,180 | 3,897,968 |
| National Bank of the Republic | 1,250,000 | 1,555,000 | 2,660,000 | 3,044,434 |
| Deseret National bank | 290,528 | 1,355,580 | 2,065,263 | 2,420,066 |
| Deseret Savings bank | 302,457 | 922,644 | 1,400,826 | 1,867,569 |
| Walker Bros. | 694,238 | 877,762 | 1,001,247 | 1,191,201 |
| State Bank of Utah | 354,201 | 612,059 | 746,357 | 815,542 |
| Utah Commercial and Savings bank | 450,151 | 695,616 | 718,491 | 841,251 |
| Utah Savings and Trust company | 454,624 | 385,446 | 977,867 | 751,256 |
| Commercial National bank | 433,045 | 771,765 | 648,535 | 1,071,569 |
| Bank of Commerce | 235,948 | — | 866,393 | — |
| Utah National bank | 230,500 | 456,278 | 250,000 | 479,562 |
| B. H. Schettler | 47,469 | 51,545 | 28,344 | 107,120 |
| Totals | \$ 11,085,291 | \$ 12,958,083 | \$ 19,256,376 | \$ 20,798,472 |

MERGER IS COMPLETE

Utah Light and Railway Company Now a Fact.

CAPITALIZED FOR \$10,000,000

Stock of Old Companies Taken Up With New Stock.

Board of Directors for New Company Chosen and Officers Will Be Elected Saturday.

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